

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in the application. Currently, claims 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 stand rejected and claim 5 stands objected to.

By the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 3 and 5. Claims 3 and 5 have been cancelled without prejudice in light of the amendment to claim 1 and claims 4, 6, and 7 have been amended to change their claim dependencies.

In the office action mailed July 3, 2007, claims 1 - 4 and 6 - 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,001,726 to Hassbrouk. This rejection is now moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 to include the subject matter of objected to claim 5.

The instant application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.


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No fee is believed to be due as a result of this response. Should the Director determine that a fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 21-0279.

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